

**Statement by the University of California regarding the DOE extension of the University's contract to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory**

In accordance with the authorization of the University of California Board of Regents in January 2004 to extend any of the existing lab contracts up to two years, the University of California, at the request of the Department of Energy, has received and executed an 8 month extension of the existing Los Alamos National Laboratory contract through May 31, 2006.

The University of California welcomes the extension and is pleased that it is now in place. We are aware that LANL employees are concerned about having the necessary information to make future personal decisions and hope this extension is of assistance to them. In the meantime, the UC and Bechtel-led team is aggressively preparing the proposal for submission to the Department of Energy for the competition for the future management of LANL.